AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS AND ADDED CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-22 (Cancelled)

Claim 23 (New):   A billing management system in which a multifunction apparatus and a billing management apparatus can communicate via a network, said system comprising:

said multifunction apparatus comprising:

memory box creating means for creating a memory box corresponding to predetermined memory;

reception means for receiving a document via a communication line;

accumulation means for accumulating the document in the memory box;

recording means for recording upon reception of the document in association with a memory box at least one of the following status information: the file size, time, the communication line type used and/or the communication speed; and

transmission means for transmitting the recorded status information to said billing management apparatus, and

said billing management apparatus comprising:

management means for managing the unit-cost of information; and

calculation means for calculating the billing amount for the memory box based on the unit-cost of information and the transmitted status information.

Claim 24 (New):   The system according to claim 23, wherein said management means

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manages the unit-cost of information for each multifunction apparatus.

Claim 25 (New):   A multifunction apparatus, comprising:

memory box creating means for creating a memory box corresponding to predetermined memory;

reception means for receiving a document via a communication line;

accumulation means for accumulating the document in the memory box;

recording means for recording upon reception of the document in association with a memory box at least one of the following status information: the file size, time, the communication line type used and/or the communication speed; and

transmission means for transmitting the recorded status information to a billing management apparatus.

Claim 26 (New):   The apparatus according to claim 25, further comprising:

setting means for setting whether or not the document can be received in association with a memory box.

Claim 27 (New):   The apparatus according to claim 25, further comprising:

transfer means for transferring the accumulated document,

wherein said recording means records upon reception of the document in association with a memory box at least one of the following status information: the file size, the time, the communication line type used and/or the communication speed.

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Claim 28 (New):   The apparatus according to claim 25, further comprising:

print processing means to print the accumulated document,

wherein said recording means records at least one of the following status information:

the size of the print process, the time, the printing resolution, the type of printing

color/monochrome and/or type of finishing process, associated with a memory box.

Claim 29 (New):   The apparatus according to claim 28, further comprising:

password setting means for setting a password used for verification when the print

process is executed.

Claim 30 (New):   The apparatus according to claim 25, further comprising:

scan means for scanning an image,

wherein said accumulation means accumulates the scanned image, and said recording

means records at least one of the following status information: the type of scanning

color/monochrome, the image size, the paper size and/or the resolution, associated with a

memory box.

Claim 31 (New):   A method for controlling a multifunction apparatus, comprising:

a memory box creating step of creating a memory box corresponding to predetermined

memory;

a reception step of receiving a document via a communication line;

an accumulation step of accumulating the document in the memory box;

a recording step of recording status information presenting at least one of the following:

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the file size, the time, the communication line used and/or the communication speed upon reception, associated with a memory box; and

a transmission step of transmitting the recorded status information to a billing management apparatus.

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